

# THE CLIO MESSENGER

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## ARCHIE KIEFER DIES BENEATH CAR WHEELS

KILLED AT ROTTIER'S CROSSING  
SATURDAY NIGHT

Head Torn From Body and Remains  
Strewn Along Track for  
Several Rods

An accident having peculiarly horrifying features occurred at Rottier's Crossing, one mile south of Birch Run, Saturday night, when Archibald Kiefer, a farmer living on the Heath farm, was struck by a fast north bound limited car and instantly killed.

Mr. Kiefer had been in Birch Run during the early evening and was returning to his home when the accident took place. He had purchased a supply of groceries for the family, including some candy for the children, which he took with him onto the car leaving Birch Run at 8:52. On arriving at Rottier's Crossing he left the car at the same time as did John Rottier who lives nearby. The latter immediately started for home but looked back casually to see what had become of Kiefer, who had evidently been drinking. Mr. Rottier says that when he looked back Kiefer was lighting his pipe and that was the last he saw of him.

What happened to Mr. Kiefer or just what he did from this time on is a mystery, because he was killed only a few feet from where he alighted from the south bound car, while the fast north bound limited that struck him did not reach that point until about an hour and a half later. The conclusion is that he stumbled and fell, striking his head and rendering him unconscious, or that he laid down upon the track and went to sleep.

Motorman Wm. Mattison was at the lever of the first car of the limited train, which was running at a high rate of speed, and says that the shadows thrown over the place by the cattle guards made Kiefer's body look like an old newspaper when the headlight first struck it and that he did not discover the object was a human body until he was within about 200 feet of it, when he immediately applied the emergency brakes, but the heavy train could not be stopped and ran for a hundred feet after striking Kiefer's body.

The motorman, with Conductors Arthur and Robert Jewell, and several of the passengers on the cars, taking a lantern, went back along the track and found the unfortunate man's body had literally been torn limb from limb and distributed along the entire distance traversed by the car after striking it. The head, completely severed, was found by Ray Bidwell, of Birch Run, some distance from other parts of the remains and was identified by him. The dismembered body was gathered in a blanket and left in charge of John Rottier who watched it until about 2:00 o'clock Sunday morning when it was conveyed to an undertaking establishment in Saginaw.

Mr. Kiefer, who was 57 years old, is survived by a widow and eight children, the oldest of whom is 20 and the youngest three years of age. On Monday, we are told, attorneys approached Mrs. Kiefer with a proposition to investigate certain matters having a bearing on her husband's death with a view to recovering damages for her on a percentage basis, but any action of this kind was precluded by application for the appointment of a guardian for the children so that if damages are recovered they may receive the full benefit therefrom. All good citizens will join in the hope that if anyone is unlawfully responsible for this man's terrible death, such responsibility may be fixed and the full penalty exacted.

A coroner's jury viewed Mr. Kiefer's remains in Saginaw, Monday afternoon, heard the evidence concerning his death, and rendered a verdict that his dead body had been found at a certain place on the S. & F. Ry. but did not deal with responsibility for the accident in any way.

Funeral services were held from the late home of deceased, Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Rev. Scott, of Birch Run, officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery at the last named place.

### Republican Rally

A Republican rally and smoker is to be held in Clio this (Friday) evening, Oct. 16. Hon. Frank A. Maynard, former attorney general and other speakers of note will be present. There will be cigars for those who desire them and it will be the aim to make the affair pleasant as well as instructive from start to finish. All voters are cordially invited to the smoker regardless of party affiliation.

### Interesting Road Case

Wm Willis, a well known Thetford farmer, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff E. L. Powers, this week on complaint of William Davidson, of Millington, charged with a violation of the motor vehicle road law. The alleged offense occurred on Oct. 5, in the highway near the residence of H. C. Tinker, at which time Mr. Willis was engaged with a team in hauling a heavy load of gravel and Mr. Davidson coming up behind with an auto attempted to pass. At this point Mr. Willis maintains that he was attempting to get out of the way as rapidly as possible when Mr. Davidson ran into him with his car. The latter, on his part, says that Mr. Willis turned partly out of the road in response to his signals and then turned back again rendering a collision unavoidable and resulting in a badly smashed auto. Mr. Willis went to Flint, Tuesday, for arraignment and we understand, proposes to fight the matter to a finish in the courts. The case was set for trial Oct. 27.

## SENATOR PRICE TOURS GENESEE

DISTINGUISHED ALABAMAN SPOKE  
IN CLIO SATURDAY

Was Member of a Party of Democrats  
Including Hon. F. L. Dodge and  
County Candidates

Those of our citizens who braved the disagreeable weather that prevailed last Friday and came out to hear the Democratic speakers who were touring the county, had the unexpected pleasure of listening to a speech by no less a personage than K. B. Price, United States Senator from Alabama. Mr. Price is a typical southerner in build and countenance, and his oratory had all the fire and polish traditionally inherent in statesmen of his section. The Senator paid high tribute to the administration of President Wilson, which he said had done more for the common people of this country than all the previous administrations in a quarter of a century. He attacked the Republicans for their opposition to the special tax of \$100,000,000, which Congress proposes to levy, claiming that it had been made necessary by democratic extravagance, by saying that such extravagance consisted in adding \$30,000,000 to the pensions, and appropriating \$45,000,000 for the completion of the Panama Canal. Senator Price also extolled the work of Governor Ferris, who, he said, because of his success in handling the strike situation in the copper country, avoiding excessive loss of life and property, has become not only a state but a national figure, and was a progressive of the safest, sanest type. He said the governor's accomplishments in view of the fact that he had been compelled to work with a legislative body of opposite politics had been wonderful. The Senator made a splendid speech, the weakest point in it being his advice to elect a Democrat to Congress from this district because we would get more out of it, the presumption being reasonable, perhaps, that we should get all we ought to have no matter what the political complexion of the man who asked for it.

Hon. Frank L. Dodge, of Lansing, Democratic candidate for Congress, made a good speech, considered from a partisan standpoint, and was followed by John M. Baker, Democratic candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, who promised in event of election to devote his best efforts to the interests of all of the people of the county.

### New Firm

Clio is to have a new firm of cigar manufacturers, that is to say the very excellent brands of cigars, the "S. & F. Special," "Nu Style," and "443," which have hitherto been manufactured in this place by Earl Shorten will hereafter be manufactured by the firm of Shorten & Teachout, Mr. O. H. Teachout being the new and junior member of the firm. It will not be necessary for us to write an introduction for Mr. Shorten as he is well known to our citizens and his cigars are likewise well known and have many friends. Mr. Teachout has for years been a railroad man. His home has been in Montrose, and he has a wide acquaintance and many friends in this section of the state. He will remove to Clio and will have charge of the selling end of the business. It is the purpose of the firm to put the best selected stock into their cigars and to build up an increasing demand for them purely upon merit. We hope and believe they will do it and predict for them a very successful future.

## Give Me an Ax

'Member when I was a kid workin' in the old wood lot  
Where we used to chop an' cut, where our winter's warmth we got—  
Pa pulled one end of a saw, an' I pulled the other end—  
Till I thought my body'd break, like we made the cross-cut bend.  
Then, just to encourage me, make my bosom swell with pride,  
Pa would say, "If you can't pull, don't git on the saw and ride."  
Sometimes though the saw would stick, though we nearly broke our backs;  
Then pa'd yell, "All hands stand by—look out for heads—give me an ax!"

That's some twenty years ago; things have changed a heap since then—  
Pa sleeps where the wood lot was, I toil here for city men.  
Some I marvel at their ways, some I marvel, some I'm mad;  
Different sort of chaps are they from my dear old cranky dad.  
Nothin' here to breathe but smoke or to listen to but noise;  
Wonder that I sometimes long for my childhood pains and joys?  
An' I'd like to shut my eyes, shut out reason, shut out facts—  
Hear again, "All hands stand by—look out for heads—give me an ax!"

City folks ain't country folks, city ways ain't country ways—  
More I come to think these things as I near my final days.  
When I read of jobbery, read of those who rob the poor,  
When I see the villain's hand with its touch defile the pure;  
When I see the rottenness, see the slowness of reform,  
See how high a wall it is decency and right must storm,  
Then I know what ails it all, know just what it is it lacks—  
Men like pa of old to yell: "Look out for heads—give me an ax!"

—Selected.

### W. C. T. U. Notes

The W. C. T. U. held its regular meeting at the M. E. church on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The following delegates were chosen to attend the annual convention of the Genesee County W. C. T. U. which will be held at Flushing, Oct. 22 and 23rd: Mrs. I. Gillett, Mrs. H. McCormick and Mrs. A. A. Williams. Our next meeting will be held at Mrs. J. Moody's, Wednesday, Oct. 21st. Press Supt.

### School Notes.

The Seniors gave the chapel exercises Monday morning.

Florence Woolson spelled down the second grade Friday.

Basket ball teams have been organized for both the girls and boys.

The A and B classes in Grade II have been having a spelling contest. The B's won.

Our foot ball team played the Dort team in Flint, Saturday, although they did not win they succeeded in making some scores.

### M. E. Church Notes.

The pastor's subject next Sunday morning will be "Love as the Interpreter of God."

E. L. subject next Sunday evening, "A Nation Without a Saloon," J. J. Jones, leader.

The district E. L. convention will be held at Oak Park Church, Flint, next Wednesday and Thursday. Several delegates from here will attend.

A fine success has been scored by the "Every Member Canvas" which was instigated last week. While the work has not been wholly completed it promises to be of the greatest aid in the financial work of the church.

An Epworth League Study Club was organized last Tuesday evening with sixteen members. The subject for study will be "The Greatest Common Destroyer." The next meeting will be held, Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, at the home of Mrs. Benson.

### M. P. Church Notes.

Services morning and evening. At the morning service the theme for discussion will be "Character Building According to Pattern." Sunday School at 11:15. Junior Endeavor at 4:00. C. E. at 6:00.

### Odd Fellow 59 Years

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lewis returned last week Thursday from a visit of several weeks with friends and relatives at different points in Southern Michigan. At Morenci Mr. Lewis attended a meeting of the odd fellows lodge, which he joined as a charter member 59 years ago. He is the only one of the original members of the lodge now living and his attendance at the meeting was, of course, an event of rare pleasure. Some years after joining the odd fellows Mr. Lewis served in the northern army with an artillery company and found his fraternal association of much benefit in his intercourse with his fellow soldiers and the southern people as well.

### Prof. Chapel a Candidate

The resignation of County School Commissioner Horace Potter leaves a vacancy in that office which will be filled by the Board of Supervisors, probably on Saturday, at which time Prof. J. G. Chapel will be a candidate for the position. The latter has given much satisfaction in his conduct of the Clio schools and his qualifications for the office are of a high order, as he holds a life certificate and has received training in the best educational institutions in the state. His many friends in all parts of the county would be gratified if he should be the choice of the board.

### Additional Local

Mackinaws, all wool for \$5.00 at Meeks & Wirth's.

Miss Mabel Blackney, worthy matron of Clio Chapter, O. E. S., attended the meeting of the Grand Chapter in Grand Rapids this week. Mrs. Alice Russell, of Standish, supplied Miss Blackney's place in the schools during the latter's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Seeley, of Thetford, were guests of their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Jobson, one day last week, and accompanied by the latter, visited the Saginaw county fair. Mr. and Mrs. Jobson also entertained Mrs. Will Beach, of Grand Blanc, one day last week.

Horace E. Potter, county commissioner of schools has resigned his position to become assistant cashier of the Citizens' Commercial and Savings Bank of Flint. The resignation becomes effective Nov. 1st. Mr. Potter's work in behalf of the schools of the county is considered to have been of an exceptionally valuable character.

Vienna Lodge, F. & A. M., had a very pleasant session, Tuesday evening, on which occasion a large delegation from Saginaw Lodge, No. 72, was present and conferred the M. M. degree on five local candidates. At seven o'clock a very fine banquet was served by the ladies of the O. E. S., which was partaken of by about 150 members and guests, the tables being handsomely adorned with flowers and the entire affair being arranged in the most admirable manner. Following lunch the degree work of the evening was concluded and it is but simple truth to say that it was done in their most perfect and impressive manner. At a late hour the Saginaw guests left for their homes on a special car.

Edwin Wing, 92, Flushing's oldest citizen died this week.

Wm. Bodine, aged 46, a prominent resident of Genesee, died last Saturday. He was a Mason of high degree.

## LATE NEWS NOTES OF NEARBY TOWNS

INTERESTING ITEMS GATHERED  
FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Brevities Relating to People, Matters  
and Things in This Section  
of Michigan

Frank Metzger, of Geneseeville, has been arrested for dynamiting fish in Flint river. He denies the charge.

Mrs. Bridget Kane, an 82-year-old resident of Mt. Morris township, died Sunday at her home of a general breakdown and the infirmities of old age.

Frank Nash, of Forest township, has been arrested on a charge of assault with a gun on Lewis Smith of the same place. The alleged assault took place several days ago and resulted from a dispute over a potato patch.

For some weeks past residents of Birch Run have been considerably wrought up over newspaper reports that a bomb had been dropped from a mysterious airship in their locality, leastwise a big hole in the earth has been discovered not otherwise accounted for. We venture to suggest, however, that the newspapers have probably misinterpreted the reports of their local correspondents. Very likely a "bum" (not uncommon in that locality) instead of bomb was meant, who, having become unduly inflated at the local hangars just naturally dropped and tore holes in the ground.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing under the firm name of Shorten and Goodfellow, in the business of manufacturing cigars in the village of Clio, Genesee County, Michigan, is hereby dissolved, and a new partnership formed under the firm name of Shorten and Teachout, composed of Earl W. Shorten and Oliver H. Teachout.

Dated at Clio, Michigan, this 1st day of September A. D. 1914.  
Earl W. Shorten.

## NOTICE

ALL persons  
owing me  
on account  
are hereby re-  
quested to set-  
tle same by  
November 15th

You have had the  
Goods. We need  
the money. We  
ask you to kindly  
take this to heart

H. F. BODINE

## CIDER APPLES

WANTED

Will Load Cars Balance of this Week

20c per Cwt.

F. M. Houghton & Co.

CLIO, MICH.

PHONE No. 1